



# TREK TRAVELS



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## President's Message

Is it Spring? We have crocus and daffodils blooming through the snow! It is hard to tell. Our motorhome is still covered but the time is drawing close to take the cover off and get ready for the northwest RV season. I know a lot of you are down south and enjoying your RV throughout this winter. That is great and certainly a big plus to owning an RV.

Lynn and I have a trip to Europe planned for late summer to visit our expected great grandson and a long-time friend so we stayed home this winter. We are however, planning to attend all the NWTFC rallies this year. It should be another great year of getting together to share adventures, past, present, and future. This is the 15th year this club has been in existence. Isn't that great? We all know that most teenagers have issues but NWTFC seems to be handling them well, as we keep growing.

The board had a meeting at the end of February to take care of some club business. All officers and committee chairs participated. The issue of the club obtaining an AED is now out for a vote of the membership. I know it has been a long process but this ballot should decide our next move. It was discussed and agreed that if the club is to obtain an AED it should be through a voluntary fundraising effort in order to spare our treasury for club events.

We discussed how to best make use of our outstanding newsletter and the great website to dispense news and information to our membership. These are both great resources available to members as well as non-members. I

feel like they have helped keep the club interesting and growing. It was decided to make the newsletter available to the membership on  
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## RALLY SCHEDULE

(To be Wagon Master for a rally, contact Ron Mahugh, Rally Coordinator, at Ronski16@comcast.net)

### 2019

June 1 – 4 Armitage Park Pre-rally,  
Eugene, OR  
John & Marie Turner  
Dick & Nancy Harris

June 6 - 9 FMCA NW Area Rally  
Linn County Expo, Albany, OR

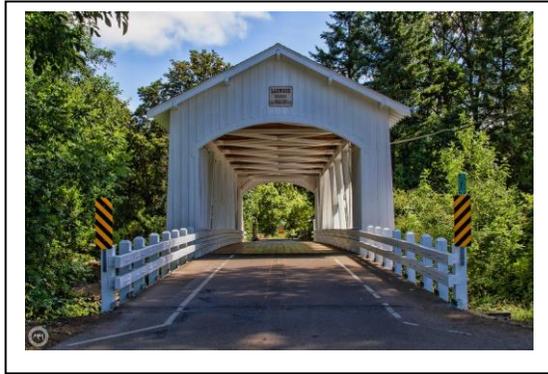
August 2 – 5 Comox Rally  
Comox Valley, Vancouver Is, BC  
Peter & Beth Sanderson

TBD Fall Rally – Contact Ron Mahugh  
with suggestions  
Wagon masters needed

### Other Rallies

August 14 – 19th FMCA 100<sup>th</sup> Convention  
Minot, ND

**Be a Wagon Master & share the fun!**

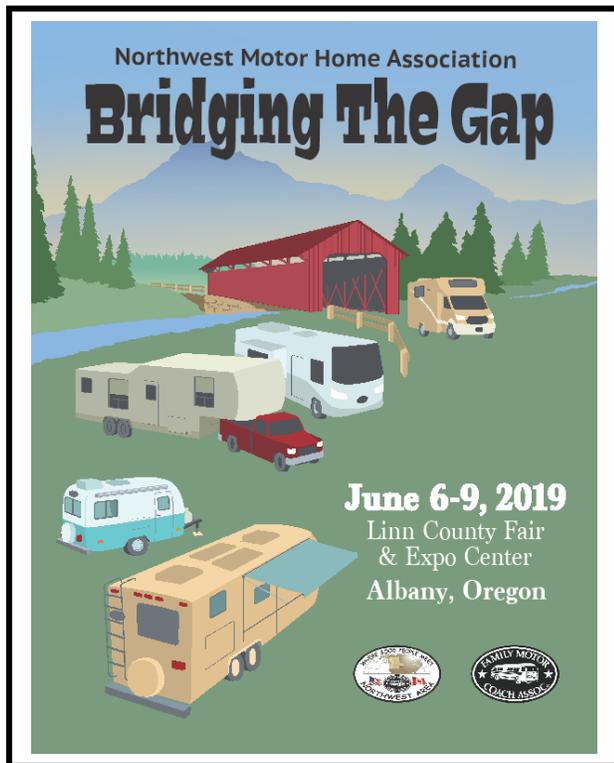


# BRIDGING THE GAP ALBANY, OR

FMCA NW Area Rally  
June 6 – 9, 2019

Lin County Fair & Expo Center, Albany, OR

- Seminars & Exhibits
- 2 Catered Dinners
- Ice cream social
- 2 nights of entertainment
- Movie night & bingo
- 50/50 raffle
- Swap meet



NW Trek Fun Club will be staffing the FMCA store which will be located in the vendor area. **Volunteers are needed.** It is fun to meet people from across the country. Selling FMCA merchandise is easy. Join the fun and volunteer to help staff the store. With more team members, we can do more and reduce everyone's time commitment.

- Register for the FMCA NW Rally (See FMCA magazine or register online)
- Register for the Armitage Park Pre-Rally or join-up for Albany caravan.
- Caravan together to the fairgrounds on June 4.
- Camp together and enjoy times of fellowship.
- Have a great time with 500 other motorhome owners.

Registration form is online at [www.fmca.org](http://www.fmca.org) under Chapter/Areas – Area Rallies

NWTFC will caravan to the fairgrounds on Tuesday, June 4.

Contact Al Zimmerman to volunteer and join the store team. [zimmeralz@gmail.com](mailto:zimmeralz@gmail.com).





**IT'S A CELEBRATION!!**  
**NW Trek Fun Club is 15 years young!**

- Join the party at the FMCA NW Area Rally in Albany.
- Time and place for the party at the Albany Expo Center will be announced.
- Don Schleuse, FMCA NW President, will present anniversary certificate.



**ARMITAGE PARK RALLY**  
 June 1 - 4

**Location**  
**Armitage County Park**  
 Located on the McKenzie River. On the outskirts of Coburg, near I-5.

Directions: From Interstate 5, take exit 199 for Coburg. Head west onto Pearl Street. Turn left and head south on Coburg Road. Turn right into Armitage Park approximately 2.4 miles south of Coburg.

**Pre-rally to FMCA NW Area Rally**  
 June 6 – 9  
 Wagon Masters: John & Marie Turner  
 Dick & Nancy Harris



- Potluck dinner
- Coburg Antique District
- Tour RV Glass & Marathon RV Plant

- Visit Cascade Raptor Center
- Tour downtown Eugene
- Schnitzer Museum of Art
- Museum of Natural & Cultural History

**Reserved Armitage Rally Sites Have Been Allotted**  
**But You Can Still Attend the Rally**

- Contact Lane County Parks (541-682-2000). (June 1-3) and join the rally
- Contact Eugene Kamping World (541-343-4832) – 3 miles from Armitage Park and join the rally.
- Make your own reservation for 3 nights (June 1 – 3).
- Let John Turner know you are joining the rally ([jfturner3@juno.com](mailto:jfturner3@juno.com) or 541-928-6566)
- Consider being a store volunteer for the FMCA NW Area Rally.

# COMOX VALLEY RALLY

Comox Valley / Vancouver Island / British Columbia / Canada  
August 2 – 6, 2019

**Location**  
Cape Lazo RV & Campground  
[www.capelazo.com](http://www.capelazo.com)  
Close to the ocean and everything.  
  
Sites are \$45 - \$55 / night – full service  
  
Book campsite directly with Cape Lazo.



Wagon Masters: Peter & Beth Sanderson • sandersonpeterg@gmail.com • 250-338-4618

- RALLY NEWS UPDATE**

  - 12 coaches registered. Still more spaces at Cape Lazo to accommodate more mohos.
  - Absolute deadline for registrations is **May 31**.
  - Email will be sent to those registered in June detailing tour, activity, and meal options.

### Itinerary

<p><b>Friday, August 2</b> Arrival &amp; Check-in 6:00 pm Taco in a Bag Dinner</p> <p><b>Saturday, August 3</b> 8:00 am Continental breakfast</p> <p>9:00 am – Noon Tour Cumberland Museum</p> <p>2:30 pm 40 Knot Winery Tour</p> <p>6:00 pm BBQ salmon &amp; smoked pork loin (hosted)</p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 4</b> 8:00 am Pancake breakfast 10:00 am Open air church service Beach walk Filberg Festival</p> <p>7:00 pm Pizza Night (hosted)</p> <p><b>Monday, August 5</b> 8:00 am Breakfast surprise 9:00 – 4:00 Build, Bail and Sail 5:00 pm Heavy Appies 9:00 pm BC Day fireworks at Marina</p> <p><b>Tuesday, August 6</b> Safe travels</p>
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Additional activities: Beachcombing (Seal Bay, Kye Bay, Cape Lazo), Home Lake Caves Provincial Park, Paradise Meadows –gondola, zip lining, visit Victoria, etc.

## QUESTIONS

- **Rally Registration:** Send Peter an email (sandersonpeterg@gmail.com). Let him know you are coming and book campsite at Cape Lazo RV Park.
- **Cost / rally expenses:** Activities are group functions and cost will be determined by number of attendees. Grocery bill for hosted dinners will be shared by all. Cumberland Museum, wine tasting, and Filberg Festival have entry or daily fees.

## COMOX RALLY QUESTIONS

- **Ferry costs:** Go to [www.bcferrries.com](http://www.bcferrries.com) to determine schedule and cost. Currently one-way ferry costs for \$175 CDN for Trek 2480 + Kia Soul + 2 passengers.
- Come early or stay late – there is much to do on Vancouver Island.
- **Border crossing:** For best results – never have anything to hide, be honest, and do not volunteer information. See the following link for more info: <https://rvlove.com/2017/10/10/tips-smooth-canadian-border-crossing-rv/>.

Going north into BC, it is suggested that one carry few groceries (everything in its original packaging), no meat, no fruit, no weapons or firearms. If you have prescription drugs, be sure to have the documentation to bring back what you are carrying. Carrying bear spray is OK, but not personal protection pepper spray (Mace).

Going south, returning to U.S.A., the same basic rules apply.

Contact Peter Sanderson as soon as possible.

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the website as a direct link from email sent to each member. This will be the first issue in which this method of distribution will be used. Let us know what you think.

The NWTFC Pay Pal account is now up and running thanks to the efforts of Mary Carlson, Sue Bjornson and Irva Cooper. This allows members to pay their dues online for the first time. We will also use this account if the club decides to obtain an AED. This issue is all new to the club but we elected to designate our webmaster, Mary Carlson to be capable of transferring funds from the club pay pal account to our business account if for some reason the treasurer was not available for an extended period of time.

Jeanette Block and Mary Carlson got together and wrote a job description for the club historian. It is now available on our website. This job description does not include all the things that Jeanette does for the club outside what is expected for the historian's job. Thank you Jeanette!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you this summer at our club rallies. Until then - safe travels,

Mike Ashbridge, President

## Corrected 2018 Treasurer's Report

(typo in last newsletter)

Beginning Balance 1/1/ 2018		\$4,752
Income		
Member dues	\$820	
Rally registration fees	\$2,344	
Fundraising & gifts	\$42	
Member pins, etc.	\$41	
Other inc/adjustments	\$0	
 Total Income	 \$3,205	 \$7,957
Expenses		
Membership expenses	\$76	
Rally payments	\$3,798	
Wagon Master sites	\$428	
Website expenses	\$81	
FMCA program ad	\$50	
Misc – bank charges	\$5	
Other – Historian, etc.	\$8	
 Total Expenses	 \$4,444	
 Ending balance 12/31/2018		 \$3,512

15 – Sunset Bay State Park, near Coos Bay.  
# sites: 138

14 – Silver Falls State Park, near Silverton,  
east of Salem. # sites: 103.  
*Silver Falls almost became a national park,  
crown jewel of state parks. Spectacular trail  
of 10 waterfalls.*

13 – Cove Palisades State Park, near  
Madras. # sites: 267

12 – Wallowa Lake State Rec. Area, near  
Joseph in NE Oregon. # sites: 211  
*Located in the Switzerland of Oregon at the  
base of Wallowa Mountains. Chief Joseph  
country. Bronze foundries. Site of NWTFC  
rally in 2016.*

11 – Champoeg State Heritage Area, near  
Newberg, off I-5. # sites: 93  
*Site of 2006 & 2008 NWTFC rallies.*

10 – Detroit Lake State Rec. Area, on hwy 22  
east of Salem. # sites: 271.

9 – Harris Beach State Rec. Area, Brookings  
on south coast. # sites: 155

## 20 MOST POPULAR CAMPGROUNDS AT OREGON STATE PARKS

Jamie Hale. Oregonian, Oregonlive.com

An article published on February 13, 2018 listed the most popular campgrounds in Oregon state parks. The article is summarized, with *comments by the NWTFC editor in italics.*

Nearly 2.9 million people camped out at Oregon state parks in 2018. These top 20 parks reflect the campgrounds that saw the most campers, not necessarily the most crowded ones. Among the top 20 there are 11 on the coast.

20 – Devil's Lake State Recreation Area, Lincoln City. # sites: 97 *Outlet mall. Walk to beach.*

19 – William M. Tugman State Park, Lakeside (north of Coos Bay). # sites: 109

18 – Tumalo State Park, near Bend.  
# sites: 84

17 – Joseph Stewart State Rec. Area, NE of Medford on way to Crater Lake. # sites 201

16 – LL Stub Stewart State Park, off US 26 near Vernonia. # sites: 128

8 – Valley of the Rogue State Rec. Area, south of Grants Pass, off I-5. # sites: 172  
*Great travel stop going south. Lots to do in the area. Site of 2014 NWTFC rally.*

7 – Bullards Beach State Park, Bandon.  
# sites: 198. *Lots to do in Bandon area.*

6 – Cape Lookout State Park, Tillamook.  
# sites: 229. *New visitor center at cheese factory. 3 capes driving loop.*

5 – Beverly Beach State Park, N of Newport.  
# sites: 278.

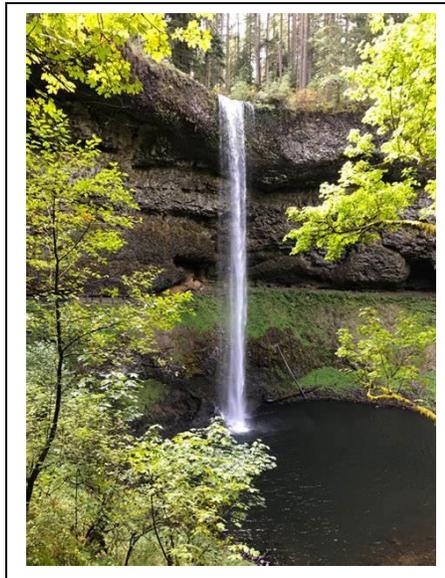
4 – Jessie M. Honeyman Mem. State Park, Florence. # sites: 365. *Sand dunes, Sea Lion Caves, and old town on the bay.*

3 – Nehalem Bay State Park, north of Tillamook. # sites: 283

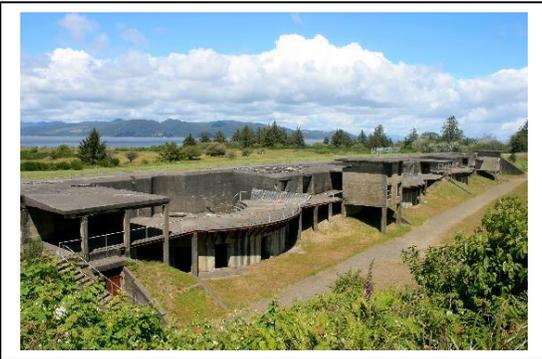
2 – South Beach State Park, Newport.  
# sites: 314

1 – Fort Stevens State Park, Astoria.  
# sites: 514. *Lewis & Clark, Fort Clatsop, wreck of Peter Iredale, lake, beach & more.*

Fort Stevens State Park



Silver Falls State Park



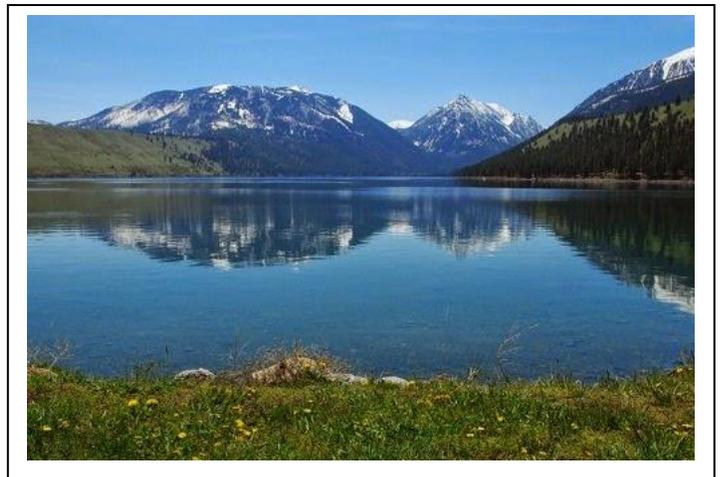
Honeyman State Park



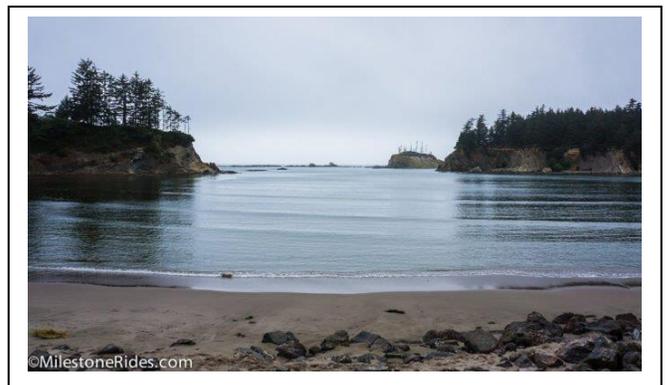
Cape Lookout State Park



Wallowa Lake State Park



Sunset Bay State Park



# QUARTZITE RALLY REPORT

As usual, the Northwest Trek Fun Club was well represented at the no-host, no-cost rally in the Quartzsite, AZ desert.

NWTFC Members in attendance:

- Lee Buckley (new member)
- Harry and Mary Carlson
- Bob and Edie Carter
- Roxy Etherton and Laura Blankenship
- Bob and Linda Fitzgerald
- Phyllis Gisler and Rod Blum
- Laurie Hail
- Keith and Laura Kovacs
- Bret and Sandi Matthews
- Bret and Laura Medbury
- David and Sue Pierce
- Harry Salit and Fran Zaft
- Peter and Beth Sanderson
- Tom and Bida Solski
- Wayne Vandergriff and Janna Caughron
- Al and Elaine Zimmerman



This year the Trek group and the Safari International group got together at the Trek campsite for the first-ever joint Happy Hour / mini-potluck. There was talk of perhaps doing this every year.



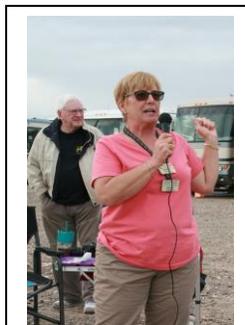
The SI group was invited back for Friday's Tech Talk where Solar Al talked about solar power and lithium batteries, Mitch talked about Banks system upgrades, Bret told how to inexpensively convert your Trek to LED interior lighting, and Lee explained how he came by the name "Sparky" (he and the Trek were hit by lightning and damaged while in Rock Springs, WY last summer. Thankfully Dianna was not injured and Lee suffered only relatively minor injuries. The group then discussed ideas for next year's rally.



Friday night saw the whole group together again at the Redlands-sponsored BBQ prior to the “Big Tent” show.

Saturday, some in the Trek group joined in the Safari International annual migration to visit the Desert Bar in the middle of nowhere north of Parker. Next year we may make it a more formal part of the Trek rally for those interested. New NWTFC member Lee Buckley reports that the Desert Bar is a totally solar-powered venue built on the former site of a desert mining complex – they open to standing room only at noon and at sunset, it’s all done. Great food, cold beer, and live bands....who could ask for more?

The Sunday morning pancake breakfast was a huge success. Thanks to Fran Zaft and her team of helpers for feeding us all. The donations to it, along with money Bret and Laura Medbury raised from donations for Trek Rally t-shirts and Trek Talks newsletters donated by the late Al Yeast’s partner, raised enough money to cover the cost of the breakfast and to purchase a new battery-operated PA system.



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committee chairs with  
questions or suggestions.

NWTFC Website  
[www.nwtfc.com](http://www.nwtfc.com)



The Northwest Trek Fun Club (NWTFC) was formed with the idea that Trek owners are people who are unique because the Trek design is quite unique. They are people who like to get out and visit the very beautiful sites and history of North America. However, they do not want to do it in a huge motor home. The Trek design gives us the comforts of home but still is small enough to get into those off-the-beaten-track sites.

NWTFC was established in 2004 and currently has about 80 coach members, including Treks spanning the 1991 Isuzu to the 2008 28RB2 and the 2016 Trek. We pride ourselves in fostering new friendships and knowledge of the Trek. We stress that our club's middle name is F-U-N.

We plan several rallies each year in several states and communicate with our members by email, newsletter, and through the club website. NWTFC territory covers WA, ID, OR, AK, MT, BC, Alberta, Northwest Territories, and the Yukon. All Trek owners, regardless of their home state, are welcome to join or to attend our rallies as guests.

Membership dues are \$10 per calendar year. See the website for a membership application.

When your membership is processed, you will be given a password access to the secure Members Only page of the NWTFC website.

NWTFC is a chapter of FMCA and very closely associated with SAFARI International.